Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, The citizen-soldiers of today's National Guard continue over three centuries of tradition--service to their states and nation both in times of national emergency and in response to the critical needs of communities, states and the nation; and,

WHEREAS, The National Guard is a unique federal-state partnership and the history of the Guard is the collective history of the militia of the states and territories; and,

WHEREAS, It is important that we appreciate and understand the tradition of voluntary service exemplified by the National Guard--a tradition established in colonial America even before the birth of this nation and continued in contemporary times as private citizens willingly leave civilian jobs in times of emergency to serve and defend their states and nation; and,

WHEREAS, The Guard has been ALWAYS READY, ALWAYS THERE, paralleling the history of the states and nation--serving in every major conflict, responding to state and national emergencies such as today's war on drugs, participating in regular training, helping to rebuild communities and rescuing and comforting victims of manmade and natural disasters; and,

WHEREAS, The history of the National Guard is a story of American history that must be told; and,

WHEREAS, It was on an April day over 200 years ago that citizen-soldiers, known as the Minutemen, fired the famous "shots heard around the world" which signaled the beginning of the American Revolution:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 16 through 22, 1990, as

NATIONAL GUARD HISTORY WEEK

in South Dakota, and I encourage all citizens of this state to reflect upon the unique contribution which has been made by the men and women of South Dakota's National Guard and to learn more about the history and traditions of South Dakota's Army and Air National Guard.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eleventh Day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE